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SUBJ: ECUADOR'S AMAZONIC ASPIRATIONS UNLIKELY TO BE FULFILLED

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1. AIDE TO PRIME MINISTER FERNANDEZ MALDONADO DURING WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF ON GEO-POLITICS COMMENTED ON GOE FONMIN PESANTES' RECENT POLICY PAPER. GOP OFFICIAL SAID THAT PERU COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT RETURN ECUADOR'S LOST TERRITORY OR ENABLE ECUADOR TO BECOME AN "AMAZONIC COUNTRY". OFFICIAL SAID THAT SHOULD ECUADOR REQUEST NEGOTIATIONS, THESE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE SPURNED, BUT PERU WOULD NEVER OFFER CORRIDOR OR OTHER CONCESSIONS. HE NOTED THAT UNLIKE BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR ISSUE, WHERE TERRITORY UNDER DISCUSSION IS NOT IN PERUVIAN HANDS AND WHERE CHILE/PERU POWER BALANCE IS A FACTOR, ECUADOR ASSERTS A CLAIM OVER PERUVIAN TERRITORY AND DOES SO FROM A POSITION OF WEAKNESS. THEREFORE, OFFICIAL SAID, ECUADOR'S EFFORTS WILL NOT PROSPER.

2. IN RECENT UNRELATED DISCUSSION WITH APRA PARTY LEADERS EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT THE ECUADOREANS CLAIM TO HAVE SETTLED IQUITOS BUT THIS IS UNTRUE. APRA LEADERS THEN STATED THAT ECUADOR NEVER WAS AND NEVER WILL BE AN AMAZONIC COUNTRY.

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3. COMMENT: ONE OF THE FEW THINGS THAT MILGOV AND APRA

MIGHT FIND THEY AGREE ON WOULD BE REJECTION OF ECUADOREAN
CLAIM TO "AMAZONIC SOVEREIGNTY".
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